

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 21, 2006**

PRESENT: Bob Aebli, Valerie Allen, Todd Campbell, Lorie Goeser, Sandra Graham, Gail Kinney, Kevin Knudson, Vicky Quintanilla, Ann Marie Starr, Michael Waupoose, Sheila Weix

EXCUSED: Cesar Mejia, Latrice Briggs, Kathryn Wolf, Tony Moore

STAFF: Jeff Scanlan, Director of Health Service Professions; Dennis Schuh, Legal Counsel, Gina York, Bureau Assistant, and other DRL staff

GUESTS: Yvonne Nair, WAAODA, Inc.; Jillian Hussey, UW Clearinghouse; Kathy Wolf, UW Clearinghouse; Mark Herstand, NASW-WI; Susan Endres, DHFS; Barb Viste-Johnson, NASW-WI

CALL TO ORDER

Jeff Scanlan, Director of Health Service Professions, called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m. There was a quorum of eleven members present at today's meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions to the Agenda:

None.

MOTION: Shelia Weix moved, seconded by Michael Waupoose, to approve the agenda of June 21, 2006 as published. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2006

Amendments to the Minutes:

None.

MOTION: Gail Kinney moved, seconded by Lorie Goeser, to approve the minutes of May 17, 2006 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Jeff Scanlan, Director of Health Service Professions, shared that there was nothing new to report at this time.

DISCUSSION REGARDING ORAL EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR RECIPROCITY AND THE CASE PRESENTATION METHOD (CPM) BARB SHOWERS

Barbara Showers, Office of Education and Examinations, discussed with the Committee how they wish to handle the oral examination requirements for reciprocity and feedback regarding using the CPM. ICRC has made recommendations on how to improve the examination and their concerns regarding discrepancies and consistency issues on how it is given in various states. Wisconsin wants to ensure exams are administered in a fair, valid, and defensible manner. If the participating state is a member of ICRC then members could go to any other ICRC state and practice. For Wisconsin, the cost of an oral examination would be a costly endeavor. When an exam is given at the Department of Regulation and licensing the cost is passed on to the candidate of approximately \$265.00. This cost would be required each time an individual takes the exam.

REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATION FOR THE LEVELS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR AND CLINICAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR

Jeff Scanlan, Director of Health Service Professions, asked the Committee to breakout into three groups. He provided a handout for groups to use in determining specific requirements for Substance Abuse Counselor level and the Clinical Substance Abuse Counselor. At each level of certification, the groups needed to determine the minimum education required, the scope of practice, the number of supervised hours required for licensure, number of ongoing supervised hours, and the number of hours for continuing education. The Committee came back together and shared the recommendations by each group. They made a determination of the final criteria required to obtain certification at these two levels. The Committee took the following actions at today's meeting.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR LEVEL

MOTION: Shelia Weix moved, seconded by Sterlon White, to require a minimum of 360 hours of a comprehensive program covering the transdisciplinary foundations and the practice dimensions of substance abuse counseling. Motion carried unanimously.

CLINICAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELOR LEVEL

MOTION: Ann Marie Starr moved, seconded by Lorie Goeser, to require a minimum qualification of an associate degree in behavioral science field plus 360 hours of training for the Clinical Substance Abuse Counselor and we set the exchange rate for supervised experience to that specified by the ICRC. Opposed –Sterlon White, Valerie Allen. Motion carried.

MOTION: Ann Marie Starr moved, seconded by Sandra Graham, to require a minimum of 7000 hours of supervised experience for the Clinical Substance Abuse Level. Motion carried unanimously

DISCUSSION REGARDING EDUCATION AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION AND THE APPROVAL PROCESS

Jeff Scanlan, Director of Health Service Professions, discussed with the Committee options Regarding education and training requirements for certification and the approval process. After a lengthy discussion, the Committee felt that this topic has many issues to consider and recommended to create an education and training sub-committee to address specific criteria.

SUPERVISOR CREDENTIAL DISCUSSION REGARDING CLINICAL SUPERVISOR IN TRAINING, INTERMEDIATE SUPERVISOR, AND INDEPENDENT SUPERVISOR THE MINIMAL REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN AND THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Jeff Scanlan, Director of Health Service Professions, updated the Committee regarding the minimal requirements and scope of practice to obtain a supervisor credential in the various levels (such as clinical supervisor in training, an intermediate supervisor, and an independent supervisor). Decisions made at the last meeting have been integrated into the rules and they are moving forward in the rule process.

DISCUSSION REGARDING SUPERVISORY REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELORS IN TRAINING

This topic will be addressed at a future meeting of the Committee.

REVIEW OF QUALIFICATIONS OF WCB PREVENTION PROFESSIONALS (RPW, RPS, CPS) WITH DISCUSSION AND DETERMINATION OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR NEW LEVELS

This topic will be addressed at a future meeting of the Committee.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSAL FROM NASW-WI CHAPTER EDUCATIONAL
REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION NECESSARY ELEMENTS OF REGULATION
FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELING IN WISCONSIN**

Jeff Scanlan, Director of Health Service Professions, granted a presentation request from NASW-WI at today's meeting to address educational requirements for certification and points of necessary elements to consider regarding the regulation for substance abuse counseling throughout our state. They presented that the clinical counselor level should have a minimum of a master's degree and be able to diagnosis and treat other mental health disorders described in the DSM. They recommended this same consideration be given for a supervisor and also the clinical supervisor level. The Committee discussed the pros and cons for doing dual diagnosis and voiced concerns to ensure individuals would not encounter barriers, which could fence them out of the AODA profession.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

VISITOR COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting Committee adjourned at 3:58 p.m.